

# *Hampton-in-Arden*

## **Annual Report**

**2017/18**

*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present this annual report which details the work of your Parish Council during the year to the end of March. This first report is an overview of the main issues with which the Council has been involved and the following reports are more detailed articles written by individual councillors on the major issues.

I begin with matters relating to the Parish Council itself. There was no election of parish councillors in 2017, the next elections becoming due in 2019, however there will be elections for ward councillors in May. At the Annual General Meeting in May last year I was reappointed as Chair and Tim Beresford reappointed Vice Chair. There have been no other changes in membership of the Council and we still have one vacancy to make up the full complement of nine councillors. The past year has again been particularly busy and demanding for the Council with many issues needing our attention. I will go on to report briefly on the more memorable highlights of the year.

Of particular significance was the successful referendum on our Neighbourhood Plan which was formally adopted by Solihull Council and is referred to in more detail later. A major issue for all residents is the possibility of substantial changes to the parish boundaries following a Governance Review currently being carried out by Solihull Council. The review is being carried out at the request of the Parish Council and Catney Residents Association, and is a proposal to consider including in the parish that part of Catherine-de-Barnes that is not presently within the parish and, if it goes ahead, will significantly increase the number of homes and residents. Full consultation will be carried out before a final decision is made and we urge everyone to take the opportunity to express their views both for and against.

The changes to the local bus services introduced when the Taxi bus was withdrawn is still a concern for many of our more elderly and less able residents and we are still pressing Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) for an extension of the Ring and Ride service but with no success so far.

In late summer our immediate area, together with the other local rural communities, suffered a significant increase in crime, mainly burglaries and car theft. In response the Parish Council arranged for a residents meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team which resulted in an initiative to successfully increase the number of volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch, Street Watch and Speed Watch which is still progressing but, unfortunately, very slowly and is hampered by a lack of police resources.

We wait with some trepidation the decision by Solihull Council on the planning application for the proposed motorway service area off Solihull Road which is now expected in June or July. We, and many others, have strongly objected to this intrusive development in the green belt. Proposed improvements to junction 6 on the M42, which have been the subject of extensive consultation by Highways England, will also have a serious impact on farm land and the green belt on both sides of Catherine-de-Barnes Lane. All of this proposed development, including the building of HS2, has implications for the local road network and the Parish Council has prepared and adopted a Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan which has been submitted to Solihull Council and with their anticipated support will be the basis of a funding application to the HS2 Community Fund.

As a community we continue to be very vulnerable to future developments, not necessarily in the immediate locality but in very close proximity to us. We know there are proposals for extensive development around the HS2 station to be built near Stonebridge to be known as Arden Cross, and at the NEC. The airport also has plans for further expansion and will be issuing their next 10 year plan during the summer. Add to these the possibility of a substantial number of new homes being required to meet the housing needs not only of Solihull but also of Birmingham and Coventry to be built around Balsall Common and we will need to be prepared for and face up to major change in the years to come.

Aircraft noise remains a concern for many and we still encourage residents to make complaints directly to the airport company and the best way of doing this is on line via their website. We continue to be an active member of the Airport Consultative Committee where we represent residents' interests on a number of related matters.

During last year's summer months we again became very concerned about gypsy and traveller activity in the area and, after taking advice from Solihull Council, installed height restricting barriers at the entrance to the recreation ground car park at some considerable expense. Whilst not an attractive feature they are, unfortunately, a necessity if we are to prevent unauthorised access and the major problems it would cause. I cannot mention the car park without, of course, making reference to the problem of flooding. Much speculation and investigation into the cause eventually revealed that the car park drainage is connected to a substantial brick built culvert which runs beneath the car park, was probably constructed in the 1830's and which should discharge into Shadow Brook. However the culvert has collapsed in places, either due to its age or more likely by damage from tree routes or both. It is also blocked in places with silt. After pondering for some time on what to do it was decided to construct a new drain from the edge of the car park to the brook inevitably at some considerable cost but doing nothing was not an option.

The Hampton Festival held over the first weekend in July was again a great success. This year's Festival will be over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July when our stand theme will be Crime in the Community and Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming.

In conclusion I would like to thank the many people who give their time in various ways to support the community groups that flourish in our community including the Hampton-in-Arden Society, the George Fentham Trust and Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association. I thank all of my colleagues on the Parish Council for their continuing interest, support and unstinting contribution which enables the Parish Council to be as effective as possible in representing the interests of residents. As in previous years I would like to emphasise that your parish councillors are, effectively, volunteers who receive no payment other than out of pocket expenses. Thanks go to our Clerk, Julie Barnes, for efficiently running the parish office and for cheerfully keeping us in good order so effectively. Our thanks are also due to two of our ward councillors, Alison Rolf and Bob Sleigh, for again supporting us with a variety of issues throughout the past year, Bob is particularly busy as not only is he a ward councillor but is also Leader of Solihull Council and Deputy Mayor of the West Midlands. Finally, I have a special thank you to Peter Adams who, for very many years has efficiently and voluntarily carried out the internal audit of the Parish Councils accounts.

**Councillor Mike Blomer**

## **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the management of all property under the Parish Council's control and works with other partners who share interests in the appearance and upkeep of the Parish and its environs.

The Committee includes members of the Parish Council together with representatives from the George Fentham Charity, the Parochial Church Council, Governors of George Fentham School, Hampton-in-Arden Scouts & Guides Supporters Association, Hampton-in-Arden Sports and Social Club, Hampton-in-Arden Recreational Trust, Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association and Solihull MBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for overseeing grounds maintenance within the Parish including the village green, the recreation ground, Catherine-de-Barnes Common, and on occupied land such as the school field, play area and allotments. For areas in the control of SMBC we keep a watching brief of incidents such as overgrown vegetation, blocked road gullies, broken street lamps, pot holes and reports of dog fouling (a continuing problem in the Parish).

Contractors are regularly engaged to carry out routine work on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council again thanks David Grimshaw and all the volunteers of the Conservation Group for their regular maintenance of the Spinney. We would also like to thank the Friends of the Common volunteers who do an excellent job in looking after the care and maintenance of the Catherine-de-Barnes Common.

The largest item of capital expenditure for the Parish Council continues to be the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and car park. This year also saw us investing in the installation of new height restricting barriers to the main entrance of the car park. The barriers were installed as a direct response to the increased traveller activity in the area over the last couple of years.

The car park itself is approaching 15 years old and whilst it is lasting well, it is beginning to show some signs of wear together with the markings worn in several areas. The Parish Council therefore continues to accrue funds to meet the cost of resurfacing the car park when that need eventually arises.

Many residents will also be aware a large area of the car park still continues to flood during periods of heavy rain. We have been in discussions with SMBC for nearly 2 years now to try and resolve the problem. Initial surveys undertaken proved unhelpful and recent exploratory excavations identified a previously unknown Victorian culvert that ran under what is believed to be the whole length of the car park and which was blocked.

We are in the process of undertaking further investigative works to try and finally resolve the problem. Unfortunately, however, whilst the car park drain picks up the highway drainage from Shadowbrook Lane (which on a positive note does mean the corner of Shadowbrook Lane at the entrance to the car park no longer floods) we have been advised by SMBC that as the flooding is on Parish Council land then neither are they responsible and nor are they able to pay towards the costs of any further necessary investigations or remedial works. Severn Trent Water has also refused to accept any responsibility.

Unless SMBC's stance changes we therefore anticipate the Parish Council will have quite a substantial financial liability in the coming year to resolve this problem.

Some other areas where the Parish Council may need to incur increased expenditure in the coming year relate to tree management and tree maintenance. Whilst we obviously have a record of all the trees on Parish Council land and the health of each tree, there have been a few unexpected instances of large branches or even whole trees being brought down by the weather. We are, therefore, investigating further whether any additional previously unforeseen maintenance works are necessary.

Finally, we would again like to thank everyone who turned out to help with the annual Village tidy-up and it was pleasing to see people taking pride in the appearance of our Village environment.

**Councillor Tim Beresford**

## **PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE**

This has been another challenging year with a number of yet unresolved major planning applications. The Parish Council is a statutory Consultee on all planning applications received by Solihull MBC. We work closely with both the Hampton Society and Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association so that we may reflect in any commentary, observations or objections a considered, balanced and shared approach and view. To that end any major development proposal or consultation by Solihull Council or developers will be attended by representatives of the Planning Sub Committee.

**Motorway Services J6** (adjacent Solihull Road): remains to be determined by Solihull Council but Highways England have removed their objection to traffic safety. This is one of two applications; a much smaller MSA at Junction 4 also remains undetermined and we understand that both will be considered contemporaneously. Dame Caroline Spelman MP has delivered a 550 name petition to the Minister of Transport objecting to MSA Junction 6 on traffic safety grounds, since exit/entry weaving distances compromise the existing statutory requirement. The Parish Council has also objected to the loss of Green Belt, and to the inclusion of a 100 bed hotel and conference centre on the site. Outcomes may be known in June.

**M42 Junction 6 improvements:** to ease traffic flows at Junction 6 Highways England propose a two-way relief road from the M42 beneath Solihull Road to the Clock Roundabout. This will entail a new bridge at Solihull Road and realignment but no access to motorway traffic. Outline plans have been approved but several amendments made following a number of consultations. Latest plans are available on the PC website. Construction is expected to begin in 2020.

**Solihull Local Plan Review:** The original Local Plan 2013 was challenged by developers and is undergoing major review. There has been an extensive call for land for housing sites and for brown field sites upon which we have commented; each are still under consideration. In the Parish the development of land at Lapwing/ Arden Wood-shavings for some 110 dwellings remains approved but no planning application has yet been made. A proposal for 9 affordable homes by the Fentham Trust was agreed at Marsh Lane following rigorous scrutiny as a 'Rural Exception Site', and an application for 12 affordable homes at Old Station Road refused by Solihull Council in March. The Parish Council is also aware of plans by developers for housing on land off Corbetts Close and in Catherine de Barnes for a residential Care Home on land off Solihull Road/ Friday lane (known as Oak Farm). The Parish Council has met with developers and will make appropriate submission to Solihull should planning applications come forward.

**Other Major developments:** You will note elsewhere the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan and this must be taken into consideration by developers and Solihull Council planners when considering any planning application. As such it forms a key part of any submission to Solihull. Any development in the Green Belt will be vigorously challenged unless an overriding case as a 'Rural Exception Site' for housing has been made. The proposed MSA, M42 Junction 6 improvements, HS2 and the plans for the Arden Cross development around the HS2 Interchange station north of Stonebridge Island together will bring the challenge of extra traffic and demand on local services. Major road improvements to accommodate HS2 involves Stonebridge Island, Kenilworth Road, the A446 and a realignment of Diddington Lane. Work on the Stonebridge Island and associated road is expected to commence in 2019/20. Each will form a major incursion into the Meriden Gap Green Belt.

**Councillor John Doidge**

## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING**

As most residents are aware the Parish experiences high traffic speeds particularly on Meriden Road and High Street in Hampton in Arden, and through Catherine de Barnes. In order to reduce speeds and improve safety to all road users, a comprehensive Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan has been developed and submitted to SMBC Highways for discussion and approval. The original document has undergone a number of revisions and the latest document can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

In summary these proposals recommend that a series of speed tables be constructed at principal road junctions along Meriden Road and the High Street, together with a number of other measures including traffic islands, build outs and mini roundabouts at the eastern and western limits of the village.

A priority section has also been identified along Meriden Road, between the station and Diddington Lane, and along this section we are proposing the reinstatement of the white lining, a new traffic island opposite the footpath at Lapwing Drive, the construction of two speed tables at Old Station Road, Diddington Lane, and a third speed table mid-way between these two.

SMBC Highways are currently assessing our submission and we will be meeting with them later this month to agree the measures to be adopted. Once this agreement is reached, we will then be able to make an application under the HS2 Community Fund for our priority section along Meriden Road.

HS2 have also announced a new Road Safety Fund and have allocated a total of £2.4m to SMBC for projects, throughout the Borough, that are likely to be affected by the construction and operation of HS2. SMBC are examining potential sites at present and will be preparing a priority list. Your Parish Council are hopeful of receiving some of this money which could go towards more of our road safety proposals.

There are also a number of other planned and future development proposals in the Parish, and we will seek contributions from these various organisations, under Section 106 agreements, towards our road

safety and traffic calming proposals. To this end the Parish Council has also agreed to allocate a sum of £20,000 to go towards these plans from reserves in the 2018/19 budget.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The annual Remembrance Day service and parade took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The High Street was closed to traffic to allow the procession from the church to the war memorial. Our thanks go to all the members of the public, as well as Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors, who acted as marshals to allow the proceedings to go ahead safely. This year's event will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## **HIGH SPEED RAIL**

HS2 Groundwork and Environmental investigations are well and truly underway in preparation for work to start near the village in 2019. The Parish Council continues to liaise with HS2 on the tone of any letters to residents and behavior of contractors. We also continue to attend and speak at the Solihull Members' HS2 Implementation Advisory Group.

The Parish Council's two main areas of focus this year have been to continue to lobby against the re-siting of the Municipal Waste Facility in Green Belt land at the north end of Diddington Lane, since it contravenes policies adopted in the Solihull Local Plan relating to both Green Belt and Waste facilities, and to mitigate against increased traffic due to the construction of the HS2.

Throughout the year we have liaised with Solihull Highways and our local Ward Councillors to improve our Village Traffic Calming Plan. We were unfortunate in our bid to secure funding for speed cameras on Meriden Road from the HS2 Community Fund but are hoping to reapply soon for funding for a series of road cushions. We also hope to benefit from the funds released to Solihull Council from the newly created HS2 Road Safety Fund.

The Parish Council continues to develop its Blythe Valley environment and ecology improvement scheme with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

All HS2 information is available on the website and reported in the Parish Newsletter.

**Councillor Vicky Woodall**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The final stage of our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), the Parish Referendum, was held on Thursday 6th July 2017. The referendum result showed clear support for the NDP with 399 votes (94.77%) in favour of the Plan and 21 (4.98%) voting against. With 1533 names on the electoral roll 421 ballot papers were issued - a turnout of 27.46%. Thank you to those who voted.

Solihull Council subsequently 'made' the Neighbourhood Plan (brought it into legal effect) and it is now formally part of the statutory Solihull Local Plan that was adopted in December 2013. The Neighbourhood Plan will be used by Solihull Council to assist in making decisions relating to planning applications in the Parish.

Our NDP is the first such plan to be adopted by Solihull Council and is an important step forward in the local planning process in that the policies and key actions in it must be taken into account when planning applications are considered.

The Parish Council now has an obligation to monitor the implementation of the NDP and consider the need to revise it in response to changing national, borough or local requirements.

**Councillor Mike Blomer**

## **BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT**

Despite issues such as the loss of Monarch Airlines, the growth of Birmingham airport has continued in 2017-18, leading to the busiest year in its history. As an affected local community, this growth is a reality that we have to work with. The airport does of course bring advantages, not just in terms of travel but also economic benefits and continues to provide a Community Trust Fund that local community groups are encouraged to apply to.

In response to this big neighbour, the Parish Council has continued to maintain its engagement with the airport through its representatives on the Airport Consultative Committee, the Airspace Change Stakeholder Group and the Night Flying sub-committee. The Parish Council has been active with the airport on improvements to its environmental monitoring and reporting and in particular on night-time noise.

During 2017 the Parish Council joined with other local representatives to review the Night Flying Policy. The existing arrangements lacked some clarity and control and existing planning constraints associated with the 2014 runway extension potentially allowed for ever increasing night flights as the airport expanded its operation. As a result of the negotiation, a new policy was successfully presented to the Airport Consultative Committee in February 2018 which introduced a cap on night-time departures (23:30 – 05:00) and new restrictions to use only quieter aircraft between 23:30 and 06:00. The policy now goes forward to Solihull MBC for approval and will be reviewed every 3 years.

The airspace changes associated with the runway extension are reaching a conclusion although the airport continues to work with airlines to improve the track keeping of aircraft. In particular, the track keeping of those departing to the south (past Hampton-In-Arden on Runway 15) and then turning north (after passing the village) has been an area of development and re-work. The airport has now embarked on a change process for flights departing to the north (Runway 33) but this is not anticipated to have a significant impact on Hampton-In-Arden.

Following changes in navigation procedures and in response to conditions from the Civil Aviation Authority, plus the pressure from noise complainants and groups such as the Airport Consultative Committee, the airport has started trialling noise abatement procedures and techniques to reduce noise during early stages of departure. Depending on the techniques involved this may be a benefit or a detriment to Hampton-In-Arden village. The Parish Council will continue to work with Airport Consultative Committee over the coming year to monitor the results of these trials and associated developments.

**Councillor David Sandells**

## **COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP**

The Communication Group continues to work hard to ensure that all of our residents are aware of what the Parish Council is working on, the key issues facing our area and how we are striving to achieve important goals in relation to any areas of concern.

Our Facebook page continues to be an effective way to communicate to residents in the Parish on a day to day basis and now has over 250 'likers'. Our website is updated regularly to ensure that the information contained therein is as up to date as possible and is helpful to those in the village and beyond. During the year ahead we are hoping to provide even more information about the village on the website. We hope to include a list of clubs and societies that run in the Parish and provide local walking maps/instructions that can be printed.

We ensure that the quarterly Newsletter is delivered to every home in the Parish and we feel that this is an extremely important way of communicating with all residents in our area. We hope that you

enjoy reading the Newsletter and that it keeps you up to date with what is going on. As well as keeping you informed of important news, we hope the 'Dates for Your Diary' section helps to keep you aware of upcoming Council meetings and important events in the village. We also try and include information on local societies and groups which we hope helps to highlight new opportunities for our residents.

After a year of the Communication Group working closely with London Midland (now West Midlands Trains), in October 2017, we saw the installation of two 'Welcome to Hampton-in-Arden' posters on each platform at the train station. Flower planters are also to be installed to add the finishing touches to the 'new look' platforms. We have received a large amount of positive feedback about the posters and consider them to be a very welcome addition to the village. We would like to extend our thanks to London Midland/West Midlands Trains for installing the posters and to the Gardening Club for agreeing to plant and maintain the flower planters. The posters will be complimented with a Village Information Leaflet (which, at the time of writing, is currently in production). This will include information about the fantastic facilities within the village (including the locations of shops, eateries and places of interest). These will be available from the train station and the information point in our Telephone Box.

Finally, we are always keen to hear your ideas for resources and/or facilities for older children and young adults. Please do get in touch with any suggestions.

**Councillor Cat Sellars**

## **FINANCE**

Parish Councils are required by law to appoint an internal auditor to verify the accounts, asset register, insurances and financial controls. From the report of our internal auditor a summary report is submitted for external examination by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission.

The un-audited accounts for the year 2017/18 are presented in this report. The precept is the major form by which the Parish Council raises funds to carry out its work during the year.

To balance estimated expenditure in the coming year, 2018/19, and to compensate for a reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant the precept has been raised by 2% which is an increase per Category D band household of £0.58 pence, to approximately £29.79.

### **Notes for Unaudited Accounts 2017/18:**

#### **Actual Income/Expenditure**

##### **Income**

This year we received a support grant of £282 from SMBC. The number of dwellings increased to 957 bringing a precept income of £32,226. To balance our estimated expenditure, the cost per band D household increased by 2% from £28.64 the previous year to £29.21. The Parish Council received its first Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £2,308.50 during the year. CIL is a new levy to raise funds from developers undertaking new build projects and can be used to pay for a range of defined projects.

By reinvesting £20,000 the Parish Council achieved a higher interest payment of £180. In addition a VAT return of £4,430.02 was received.

##### **Expenditure**

Other unbudgeted expenditure incurred refers to the following: the cost of putting in height restricting barriers at the Sports Club to prevent traveller access. A fallen beech tree and horse chestnut and additional costs incurred in producing a poster for the Hampton in Arden Train Station. The sum of £3,000 was budgeted in 2017/18 towards the drainage difficulties faced at the Recreational Ground Carpark. It was initially anticipated that this would be sufficient but in light of developments that came to light after the setting of the 2018/19 budget (detailed above in both the Chairman's report and



Maintenance report) that sum is expected to increase significantly in order to provide a suitable solution.

### Reserves as at 31 March 2017

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance 01/04/2017	96725.09
Add receipts for 12 months	40320.31
Less payments	43381.36
<b>Total Reserves at 31 March 2018</b>	<b>93664.04</b>
<b>*estimated</b>	

These reserves are held in the Parish Council bank accounts, £40,000 of it being in a fixed term account to achieve a higher rate of interest. The reserve fund is established year on year to allow for future, predicted, major expenditure such as resurfacing the recreation ground car park and drainage issues, additionally, any unforeseen financial liability.

<b>Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council</b>			
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>			
	<b>Budget 2017/18</b>	<b>Actual 2017/18</b>	<b>Budget 2018/19</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Precept & SMBC Support Grant	28236	28236	29368
Sports Club Rental	2760	3035	3035
Recreation Trust Rental	500	670	670
Allotment Rental	180	185	190
Scout and Guide Headquarters Rental	100	100	100
Bank Interest	150	215.24	150
Other Income	300		300
Recovery of Cricket Pitch Funds		367	350
Football Training		570	590
War Memorial Damage		200	-
Western Power		3.55	-
CIL Payment		2308.50	-
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	4430.02	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32226</b>	<b>40320.31</b>	<b>34753</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Section 137 Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grass Cutting Parish Land	4700	4700	5000
Catherine de Barnes Common	1000	1000	1000
Grass Cutting Church Yard	1150	896.00	1183
Parish owned land Maintenance	6616	6616	7000
Clerk's salary and expenses	7000	6679.44	7500
Donations and subscriptions	660	410.00	660
Office Expenses (including email fee and additional room hire 18/19)	1500	1500.00	750
Web site	1000	801.77	1000
Insurance	1600	1190.11	1600
Parish Newsletter	2000	2000	2000
Sundries	450	450.00	450
Audit and Legal Fees	350	235.00	430
Printing Costs	-	-	400
GDPR Fees	-	-	80.00

Room Hire (changing to office rental in 2018/19 budget)	300	210.00	1500
Training	400	194.81	400
Neighbourhood Plan	500	295.75	0.00
Transfer to Allocated Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other			
Carpark Drainage	3000	3000	3800
Train Station Poster Design		240.00	
Height Restricting Barriers		5800.00	
Fallen Beech and Horse Chestnut		1500.00	
Sums recovered from cricket pitch cuts		797.00	
VAT paid out	0.00	4865.48	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>32226</b>	<b>43381.36</b>	<b>34753</b>
<b>Less allocated reserves</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20000**</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32226</b>	<b>43381.36</b>	<b>54753</b>

\*estimated figures

\*\* allocated pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

### Asset Register and Expenditure exceeding £100

Details of the assets held by the parish council and expenditure exceeding £100 per item are given at the end of this report.

### YOUR COUNCIL

The Parish Council for 2017/2018 was as follows:

Councillor Mike Blomer MBE	19 High Street B92 0AE	443370
Councillor Cat Sellars	19 Meadow Drive B92 OBD	442491
Councillor John Doidge	20 Diddington Lane B92 0BZ	443579
Councillor Dave Cuthbert	9 Oakfields Way B91 2TR	(0121) 7058037
Councillor David Sandells	39 Old Station Road B92 0HA	446291
Councillor Tim Beresford	6 Bellemere Road B92 0AP	442151
Councillor Ken Blanch	18 Marsh Lane B92 0AG	442762
Councillor Vicky Woodall	41 Meriden Road, B92 0BS	446155

### CLERK

Julie Barnes

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Hampton in Arden B92 0AH

### The following sub-committees and representatives were appointed:

(The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees).

Planning sub-committee	Councillor J Doidge (Chair) Councillor C Sellars Councillor D Cuthbert
Maintenance Committee	Councillor T Beresford (Chair) Councillor M Blomer Councillor D Sandells Mr D Colman Mr D Adams Mr G Hollway
Communications Working Group (including Youth Affairs)	Councillor C Sellars (Chair)  Councillor D Sandells Mr P Kennedy Mr C Bowen

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	Councillor M Blomer (Chair) Councillor J Doidge Councillor C Sellars Councillor D Cuthbert
Remembrance Day	Councillor K Blanch Councillor J Doidge
HS2 sub-committee	Councillor V Woodall (Chair) Councillor J Doidge Councillor K Blanch

**Appointments to other bodies:**

Footpaths & Rights of Way Representative	Councillor D Cuthbert
Airport Consultation	Councillor D Sandells
Airspace Change Stakeholder Group	Councillor M Blomer
Solihull Area Committee WALC	Councillor J Doidge Councillor D Cuthbert
Conservation Advisory	Councillor D Cuthbert

**The Parish Council also appoint trustees to:**

The Charity of George Fentham	Mrs C Eley Dr M Shalley Councillor T Beresford
The Hampton in Arden Recreational Trust	Mr G Hollway

**Meetings:**

During the year, 8 meetings of the full Council were held and attendance was as follows:

Councillor M Blomer	8
Councillor J Doidge	8
Councillor D Cuthbert	7
Councillor K Blanch	8
Councillor T Beresford	8
Councillor C Sellars	8
Councillor D Sandells	8

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - Asset Register**  
**1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017**

**Community Assets**

The Common, Catherine de Barnes  
War Memorial, Hampton-in-Arden  
Village Green, Hampton-in-Arden  
The Recreation Ground  
Recreation Ground Car Park  
The Spinney

**Other Assets**

Chairman's Insignia and Chain of Office  
Recreation Ground Notice Boards X 2  
Recreation Ground Outdoor Gym Equipment  
Recreation Ground Children's Play Area Equipment  
Parish Noticeboard X 2  
Bus Shelter X 3  
Recreation Ground Dog Bins X 3  
Recreation Ground Dog Waste Dispensers X 3  
Flower Planter Tubs X 5  
Oak Bench – Recreation Ground  
Telephone Box & Shelving  
Parish Office Computer  
Parish Office Photocopier  
Allotments  
School Children's Play Area Equipment  
Benches – School Play Area

*The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance costs of these assets.*

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - Expenditure over £100**  
**1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018**

DATE	PAYEE	£	DETAILS
24/04/2017	Family Care Trust	450.00	Grass Cutting at The Common
24/04/2017	WALC	547.91	Membership
27/04/2017	Clerk	483.58	April Salary
10/05/2017	P H Design	170.00	Newsletter Design
10/05/2017	JRB Enterprise	261.60	Dog Bags
10/05/2017	Dawsons	724.80	Grass Cutting and Japanese Knotweed
25/5/2017	Inktree	289.30	Newsletter printing
25/05/2017	Inktree	195.00	Dog Fouling Signs
25/05/2017	Clerk	483.58	May Salary
28/06/2017	Clerk	483.58	June Salary
28/06/2017	Inktree	127.75	A4 neighbourhood plan leaflets
28/06/2017	Inktree	168.00	Neighbourhood Plan Banner
28/06/2017	Realpoint	228.00	IT Support Package
28/06/2017	Dawsons	395.00	Cricket Cuts (re-chargeable)
28/06/2017	Dawsons	1294.00	Grass Cutting and Dead Wooding
28/06/2017	Craddocks	131.60	Plants
20/07/2017	Clerk	483.58	July Salary
20/07/2017	T Honeysett	110.00	Dog Bags
20/07/2017	Dawsons	933.60	Grass Cuts
20/07/2017	T Honeysett	140.00	War Memorial Repair (sum recovered)
31/07/2017	P Howard Design	240.00	Train Poster Design
31/07/2017	P Howard Design	170.00	Newsletter Design
20/08/2017	Clerk	483.58	August Salary
20/08/2017	Inktree	289.30	Newsletter
20/08/2017	Dawsons	1495.20	Grass Cutting
20/09/2017	Clerk	483.58	September Salary
20/09/2017	Dawsons	813.60	Grass Cutting
20/09/2017	Grant Thornton	240.00	Annual Return Fee
20/09/2017	JRB Enterprise	261.60	Dog Bags
20/10/2017	Clerk	483.58	October Salary
30/10/2017	Play Safety	264.60	Play Equipment Inspection
30/10/2017	Dawsons	1857.60	Grass Cutting
30/10/2017	P Howard	170.00	Newsletter
02/11/2017	SMBC	297.14	Drainage Investigation
20/11/2017	Clerk	483.58	November Salary
20/11/2017	Inktree	289.30	Newsletter
20/11/2017	Dawsons	652.80	Grass Cutting
30/11/2017	Midland Forestry	240.00	Removal of damaged tree branch.
04/12/2017	Clerk	110.92	Office Expenses/Ink/Stationery
18/12/2017	Clerk	483.58	December Salary
18/12/2017	JRB Enterprise	261.60	Dog Bags
18/12/2017	Craddocks	134.66	Plants
18/12/2017	George Fentham T	1170.00	Office Rent and Room Hire
18/12/2017	Inktree	114.00	Remembrance Day Signs
18/12/2017	Inktree	332.01	Newsletter
18/12/2017	Dawsons	2349.60	Leaf Clearing and Grass Cutting
02/01/2018	AAC Road Markings	624.00	Recreational Ground Car Park Markings
05/01/2018	G R Dawsons	6960.00	Height Restricting Barriers Sports Club
26/01/2018	Clerk	899.96	January Salary and 2017 Overtime Payment
26/01/2018	Family Care Trust	375.00	Work at The Common

26/01/2018	G R Dawsons	1800	Tree Works
27/02/2018	Clerk	604.50	February Salary
27/02/2018	Inktree	289.30	Newsletter
27/02/2018	G R Dawsons	420.00	Edging Pathways and Rubber Matting
27/02/2018	P Howard	170	Newsletter Design
27/02/2018	Zurich Insurance	1317.83	Parish Council Yearly Insurance
14/03/2018	T Honeysett	110.00	Dog Bins and installation of key safe boxes
14/03/2018	G R Dawsons	840.00	Drainage and Fallen Trees
28/03/2018	Clerk	816.77	March Salary and Back pay from Increase.
28/03/2018	DHS Contractors	420.00	Make good pathway to Scout Hut
28/03/2018	G R Dawsons	420.00	Snow Clearance and Pump Water Out/Sports Club.
28/03/2018	G R Dawsons	4920.00	Recreational Ground Carpark Drainage.